



# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

(INCLUDING FILING FEE AND/OR PETITION FOR  
EXTENSION OF TIME FEE)

*Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective May 29, 2000  
provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)*

<b>To: Commissioner for Patents</b> <b>Box RCE</b> <b>PO Box 1450</b> <b>Alexandria, VA 22313-1450</b>		Attorney Docket No.:1405.1053	
First Named Inventor	Masaaki NORO, et al.		
Application No.	09/993,498	Group Art Unit	2157
Filing Date	November 27, 2001	Examiner	Uzma Alam
CPA Filing Date		Confirmation No	8168
Title of Invention	COMMUNICATIONS CONTROL METHOD, RELAYING METHOD AND RELAYING DEVICE		
This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.			
1. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-top: 5px;">           Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 (Box a or b must be completed)         </div> <div style="margin-top: 5px;">           a. <input type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted               i. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on ____                  (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).               ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on ____               iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other            b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed               i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply               ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)               iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)               iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Other         </div>			
2. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-top: 5px;">           Miscellaneous         </div> <div style="margin-top: 5px;">           a. <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(l) required).            b. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____         </div>			

				<b>BASIC FEE</b>		<b>\$ 790.00</b>
Since an Official Action set an <u>original</u> due date of <u>April 3, 2007</u> , petition is hereby made for an extension of time to cover the date this RCE is filed, for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$120)); (2 months (\$450)); (3 months (\$1,020)); (4 months (\$1,590)); (5 months (\$2,160)):						
Claims As Amended	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For		Number Extra	Rate	
Total Claims	25	23	- 20 =	2	X \$ 50.00 =	\$ 100.00
Independent Claims	14	14	- 3 =	0	X \$ 200.00 =	\$ 0.00
<b>Suspension Fee (\$130.00)</b>						
<b>Total of above Calculations =</b>						<b>\$ 890.00</b>
Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 C.F.R. 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).						
<b>TOTAL FEES DUE =</b>						<b>\$ 890.00</b>
4. <input type="checkbox"/> Small entity status: a. <input type="checkbox"/> Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status. b. <input type="checkbox"/> A Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status was previously filed and such status is still proper and desired. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is no longer claimed. 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Other:						
<b>6. METHOD OF PAYMENT</b>						
<input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ <u>\$890.00</u> is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charge "TOTAL FEES DUE" to Deposit Account No. 19-3935. (A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.)						
<b>7. GENERAL AUTHORIZATION</b>						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 (filing fees) or 37 C.F.R. 1.17 (processing fees) during the prosecution of this application and of any related application(s) claiming benefit hereof pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §120 to maintain pendency hereof and of any such related application to: <b>Deposit Account No. 19-3935.</b>						
<b>8. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS</b>						
STAAS & HALSEY LLP  <b>21171</b> <small>PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE</small>						
<b>9. SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED</b>						
NAME	Thomas E. McKiernan				REGISTRATION NO.	37,889
SIGNATURE					DATE	29 MAR 07